

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR
THE NINTH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEER AND
PROGRAMS AWARDS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Approve the expenditure of funds for the Ninth Annual Mental Health Commission (Commission) Volunteer and Programs Awards, at an amount not to exceed \$11,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended action will enable the Commission to implement the Ninth Annual Volunteer and Programs Awards. The event is scheduled for May 23, 2008, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

The Commission's Annual Volunteer and Program Awards is the sole opportunity for the Commission to recognize and honor outstanding members of the mental health community. The Commission, by law, is comprised of 51% clients and family members appointed by the Board to advocate for the thousands of men, women and children who face this disabling disease. Stigma is the single greatest challenge clients' face. This event is an opportunity to showcase that hope, wellness and recovery are possible and to acknowledge those who have dedicated their mind, heart and soul to the cause.

The funds will be used to pay for the facility, food, awards, and minor supplies. Approximately 250 individuals, including consumers, families, mental health program advocates, and Department employees will attend. There is no charge to the individuals who attend.

The Department has paid for the annual program for the past eight years as part of its annual budget allocation to support the Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable

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